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# Twelve days, 18 pedestrians

**Seven newly revealed incidents.** Total pedestrian-car collisions up to more than one a day in Halifax this month



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Halifax Regional Police and RCMP are taking action after a review of their numbers show an alarming 18 people have been hit by cars in Halifax this month.

On Thursday, HRM Partners in Policing released details on seven new accidents and said they will publicize any collisions between cars and pedestrians from now on, whether or not they involve injuries.

"It's the awareness piece, we want our citizens to real-

ize that these things do happen," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages. "Unfortunately the pedestrians are the ones suffering with this. If there is a collision, they're at much greater risk of injuries or death."

Bourdages said crime analysts have been assigned to look at the "large amount" of pedestrian and vehicle collisions for 2013, and factors like the time of day, what direction the driver was turning, age and gender of the driver and pedestrian, as well as weather conditions.

The seven newly released incidents, all in the first week of December, bring the total to 18 this month in HRM.

Nearly all caused minor injuries, though one 50-year-old man reported his foot was run over on Chebucto Road. Two of the drivers received tickets for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Bourdages said it's import-

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"It seems more than usual."

Const. Pierre Bourdages, about the spike in pedestrian collisions

ant for drivers to remember that every intersection is a crosswalk, whether marked or not. He also said pedestrians need to take a second before stepping out into traffic because icy roads are making it harder for drivers to stop quickly.

There have been no reported pedestrian deaths this year.

Police are also rolling out a new "awareness approach" in an attempt to change the behaviour of pedestrians and drivers.

Bourdages said there's no timeline on the analysts' report, but the new awareness approach should be popping up around crosswalks in the next couple of weeks.



## RAINMEN RAINED ON

Halifax Rainmen's Raven Barber jumps to the net during NBL action against the Windsor Express at the Halifax Metro Centre on Thursday. The Express downed the Rainmen, 104-84. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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# No need to fear Halifax greenbelt plans: Alliance

**Last minute.** Developers' organization raises 11th-hour opposition to HRM's proposed greenbelting policy

An organization representing development interests in Nova Scotia is raising last-minute concerns about a proposal to add a greenbelting policy into the municipality's regional plan.

The Urban Development Institute of Nova Scotia said it is "deeply concerned" that HRM's intention to create a greenbelt would hamper private land development.

"Greenbelting is being entrenched in the regional plan not as a tool to enhance connectivity between open spaces, but as a means to freeze private lands from future development," said a press release from UDI.

The greenbelting proposal is part of HRM regional plan's five-year review.

Council approved the recommendation on Tuesday, though the plan is still in its draft form.

Greenbelting is a planning tool that restricts development on a ring of land surrounding an urban centre.

"It's not a crazy, radical idea," said Mark Butler, policy director at the Ecology Action Centre and member of the Our HRM Alliance. "It's something that's been widely implemented in Canada, the U.S. and Europe."

Advocates endorse the

policy because of its usefulness in preserving green space, providing recreational opportunities to area residents and directing municipal growth.

Butler said HRM's greenbelting proposal would likely include areas such as Williams Lake, Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area and the recently-protected Blue Mountain — Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.

"It's not about making everything a park," said Butler, emphasizing that green belts also include areas such as farmland, forestry lands, quarries

and green private land.

If you look at the general land-use planning map in HRM it's very comparable to what already exists, he added.

Other Canadian cities with greenbelts include Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

"It increases the livability of a municipality," said Butler. "Companies tend to go where their CEOs and employees want to live." The Urban Development Institute did not return a call for comment.

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## A dazzling display of lights for all to see

Anthony Zadeh adjusts a light display at 4 Birkdale Cres. in Clayton Park on Thursday. Zadeh helped set up the annual holiday spectacle, painstakingly synchronized with music, at his parents' home. All are welcome to view the display after 6 p.m., and donations can be made to the Children's Wish Foundation on-site. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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## Behind schedule. Minister wants review of Bluenose II restoration project

Nova Scotia's heritage minister says he wants a full review of the Bluenose II restoration project, which is now at least two years behind schedule.

Tony Ince made the announcement Thursday after revealing the \$16-million project has been delayed again.

Ince had said the famed schooner would start sea trials this month, but he now says that won't happen until some time in the new year.

The minister said he doesn't know what is holding up the project, adding that ongoing dockside tests in Lunenburg have been complex.

"We're making sure this vessel is safe for Nova Scotians to travel on," he said outside the legislature. "It has to meet international standards."

Nova Scotia's sailing ambassador was supposed to return to regular sailing in the summer of 2012 after an extensive two-year rebuild, but that deadline has been put off until next summer.

"There are a number of different things that have come up ... that have led me to want to look at the whole process from the very beginning," said Ince.

Ince committed to making the results of the review



Nova Scotia heritage minister Tony Ince CONTINUED

public.

The restoration project started more than three years ago and is being carried out by the Lunenburg Shipyard Alliance.

A spokesman for the consortium has said most of the delays have been caused by the challenge of meeting stringent safety requirements imposed by the American Bureau of Shipping.

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## Involuntary treatment. Delays at psychiatric review board disturbing: Report

A panel reviewing Nova Scotia's Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act says it was disturbed by staffing problems at a review board that determines whether people who are admitted for care without their consent should remain for treatment.

A review of the act released today includes 101 recommendations on how to improve the law, including 17 recommendations that focus on the review board.

Gérard La Forest, a retired judge with the Supreme Court of Canada, and Dalhousie University law professor Bill Lahey were commissioned last year by the former NDP government to conduct the review.

They say the review board — which includes lawyers, psychiatrists and other members — was the area that presented the gravest concerns in how the law is working.

Their report says there was a period of two months when the board couldn't hold hearings because the appointment of the chairwoman had lapsed and it took a month to get her re-appointment completed.

They also say there were difficulties with holding hearings within the mandated time for people who were committed for psychiatric care, and that raises issues about whether people's constitutional rights are being respected.

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# Poverty advocates show wish list

**Province House.** Income assistance, affordable housing main issues for the new year



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Regan Branton's holiday wish list doesn't include a new computer, phone or chocolate.

On Thursday, the Dartmouth woman joined a Community Advocates Network panel at Province House to share her wish list: Christmas cards for loved ones, fresh grapes and winter boots.

"I wish I didn't have to eat so much pasta," Branton said quietly. "I wish I didn't have to

watch people with disabilities go through garbage dumpsters, collecting pop cans to get their next meal."

Branton, 47, said she has a mental disability and relies on an income assistance of \$400 a month, which is supposed to cover groceries, clothes and electricity. She said she'd like to see the new Liberal government increase assistance to match the cost of living.

"I never thought 20 years ago I'd be where I am today," Branton said. "I never thought I'd have to worry about a glass of milk or ... going to the grocery store and not being able to buy something."

Amy Moonshadow, Community Advocates Network chair, spoke alongside Branton and four others about raising income assistance, the need for affordable housing,

and cuts to special needs funding.

During the provincial election, Moonshadow said the Liberal party campaigned on improving these social issues and it's important to ensure those promises are kept.

Moonshadow and Branton said the holiday season is a time many pay attention to homelessness and poverty issues, but it's important to keep up support throughout the year.

Advocate Wayne MacNaughton said during the panel that Christmas is an especially hard time of year for people on the low end of the economic ladder since there's no "extra" to do anything with.

He said it's important to support organizations like the Parker Street Food Bank or Metro Non-Profit Housing who "try to do what they can on the ground."

"Donate to the food banks, the Salvation Army — people who help," Branton said. "Just the odd bit of goodwill, maybe buy someone a coffee."

**Needs improvement**

## Better social assistance: Minister

Nova Scotia's community services minister says she's planning to transform the way social assistance is handed out, saying the existing system does not address the root causes of poverty.

Joanne Bernard says she has started a department-wide evaluation of all social assistance programs, which includes looking at investments in affordable housing, family resource centres and transition houses.

Bernard says as someone who has lived on social assistance for nine years, she has an extensive knowledge of what works and what doesn't.

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**Quoted**

**"The government needs to hear and understand the voice of the poor."**

Regan Branton



## Be A Santa to A Senior: Wrapping up the gift-wrapping party

Natalie Smith, from Home Instead Senior Care, adds some gifts to the pile as the Be A Santa to A Senior gift-wrapping party wraps up on Thursday. The annual program provides gifts and companionship to seniors over the holidays. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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The number of tickets handed out for infractions of the winter parking ban has fallen steadily from more than 7,000 three years ago to just over 6,000 last year. The overnight parking ban takes effect Sunday night. METRO FILE

# Parking ban to launch Sunday

**Halifax.** Municipality again offers personal notifications about when rule is in effect

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HRM's overnight winter parking ban takes effect on Dec. 15, and will once again be implemented on an "as needed" basis.

The ban will remain in effect until March 31, but only be enforced between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., and only during "declared" snow and ice events.

It's the third year the ban has been enforced solely when

snow-clearing operations are actually underway, and the second year that the city is making a concerted effort to improve communication about the status of the ban.

"That's half the battle," said HRM communications advisor Jennifer Stewart. "People were initially being caught off guard, they may have heard there was snow coming, but they hadn't prepared and had nowhere to put their car."

The number of parking tickets handed out last year fell by about 300 from the year before, when the municipality didn't give advance notice of the ban status.

Municipal officials will give advance notice when the ban will be in effect via Twitter, the city website and the CityWatch

system, which delivers phone and email or text notifications to subscribers. Notices will also go out when the ban is lifted.

Just under 4,000 residents signed up for CityWatch last year when it was first offered, and Stewart said another 400 people have signed up in the last week alone.

"People have been very pleased with the service, the feedback we've been getting even from the initial notices that went out ... people were very pleased with that," she said.

Residents who signed up for CityWatch last year will continue to receive notifications. Anyone interested in signing up can do so on the HRM website, by emailing [contacthrm@halifax.ca](mailto:contacthrm@halifax.ca) or by calling 311.

# Storm models showing 20 cm provincewide

The latest models of a storm system approaching the Maritimes suggest most of Nova Scotia is in for a hefty snowfall, it's just not clear which parts will get the heaviest.

Environment Canada meteorologist Paula Sutherland said Thursday there's still uncertainty about how close the approaching system will come to Nova Scotia.

"The models are in agreement at this point that it's going to track south of Nova Scotia, but how far south is one of the questions that we're still looking at," she said.

Sutherland said the models also seem to consistently indicate amounts of 20 to 30 cm of snow, but the track of the storm will determine which parts of the province get the heaviest snow.

"If the storm is closer to Nova Scotia, the heavier snowfall would be farther north, and then if it was a lot farther south, the heavier snowfall would be more along the coast," said Sutherland.



A dog walker heads out on the Long Lake Trail after a heavy snowfall in February of this year. METRO FILE

land.

The track won't be clear until the system has developed, which isn't expected to happen until Saturday.

Sutherland said it does seem certain this will be the

first major snowfall of the season, and the timing is fairly stable.

"It looks like early Sunday morning and throughout the day on Sunday," she said.

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# City staff to revisit downtown plan

**Committee.** Councillor nervous about lack of figures in proposed five-year, \$50-million improvement campaign

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Halifax won't be reaching out to other levels of government to help fund a downtown core beautification project until at least the new year.

HRM's community planning and economic development committee voted Thursday to have city staff take another look at a report outlining the five-year, \$50-million improvement project.

The project would see financial support for revitalizing downtown, including investing in public art and putting utility infrastructure underground.

Councillors had concerns, both minor and major, about

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"Any city that I've been in around the world where there's a sense of place, a sense of ownership, a sense of connection, has been a beautiful space."

Coun. Jennifer Watts

the proposal.

"I feel like the report is almost there," said Wayne Mason, councillor for Peninsula South-Downtown. "But I'm really nervous about a funding model that I don't have any figures on."

The municipality would cover a third of the project cost — \$3.4 million per year, or \$17 million over five years. The remainder would come from provincial and federal coffers.

Coun. Tim Outhit was skeptical about whether the project addresses the fundamental issue of rejuvenating

Halifax's urban core, citing the challenges of rent, parking and traffic.

"We're decorating a house that has serious structural problems in the basement and the roof," he said. "We are decorating the living room and painting the front door."

Mason argued an investment in the economic driver of downtown Halifax makes financial sense.

"(It's merely doing what any business does — it's making sure that the façade is painted and that the kitchen is clean and that everything works," he said.

Peninsula North Coun. Jennifer Watts agreed, referencing other projects that have had a fundamental impact on the community, such as the Emera Oval and the Lake Banook canoeing facility.

"I actually think that (these) things need to go hand-in-hand," she said.

Staff will bring the report back for consideration in late January.



Barrington Street in Halifax, one of several streetscapes that would benefit from the sprucing up covered by the proposed \$50-million revitalization campaign. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# More feedback sought on economic collaboration



Coun. Jennifer Watts wants to hear from the Greater Halifax Partnership on "greater economic strategy." METRO FILE

A city committee wants to hear firsthand from economic development organizations in Halifax about how they collaborate before approving a report that would encourage them to co-operate even more closely.

The community planning and economic development committee voted on Thursday to defer a recommendation to regional council until the Greater Halifax Partnership can present its collaborative strategies.

The GHP is an economic development organization comprised of more than 130 members.

City Coun. Lorelei Nicoll initially proposed to send the report in question back to city staff so they could develop an action plan for economic development in HRM, but that motion was defeated.

The committee did approve a second proposal from Coun. Jennifer Watts.

"We'd like to refer this report back to be accom-

panied by a report from the Greater Halifax Partnership on greater economic strategy," said Watts.

"(Then) we can look at this in context of the progress we've (already) made."

The staff report under discussion was a response to recommendations made in a 2010 report by the city's auditor general.

The auditor general suggested various economic development actors financed in part by HRM ought to re-

align to work more closely together.

Besides GHP, the agencies include Destination Halifax and Trade Centre Limited.

The staff report before the committee endorsed an arms-length model of supporting economic development and tourism agencies in HRM.

Committee members generally supported its contents but wanted more feedback from GHP before giving it their approval.

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Halifax Regional Police investigate a three-vehicle crash that sent two pedestrians to hospital on Wednesday.

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# Police search for driver in crash

**Three-car.** One of two victims released from hospital, second suffered serious injuries

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Despite a "tremendous" response from the public, Halifax police say they are still on the lookout for a white SUV involved in a three-vehicle collision in north-end Halifax that sent two women to hospital on Wednesday.

"We got many tips that came in," said Const. Pierre

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the number to call police with tips or information about the accident.

Bourdages of the Halifax Regional Police. "(But) nothing panned out that led us to locating the vehicle."

Bourdages said police have yet to interview the victims, one of whom is still in hospital with serious injuries after being pinned between a car and a utility pole.

Officers responded around 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday to re-

ports of a collision at Agricola and North.

According to police, a white SUV travelling north on Agricola struck two vehicles, one of which spun out of control and hit two pedestrians on the sidewalk.

The driver of the SUV fled the scene, continuing north at a high speed on Agricola.

Bourdages said police are interviewing witnesses and examining video surveillance in the area.

Police continue to reach out to the public and garage operators in the area for help in locating the SUV, which they say would have significant front-end damage.

### Weapons, cash found

## Man charged after drug search

RCMP say a 25-year-old man is facing charges after a search of a home in Middle Sackville.

According to a release, officers pulled a vehicle over on Wagner Drive around 8 p.m. Wednesday and seized marijuana, cash, a knife and other drug-related items.

Later that evening, police seized a loaded shotgun, ammunition and several other weapons from a home on Sackville Drive.

A Middle Sackville man is facing drug charges and potential weapons-related charges as well. **METRO**

## Investigation. Woman says she was sexually assaulted

Police are asking for the public's help after an alleged sexual assault in Halifax on Saturday.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states a 24-year-old woman was walking near Church and South streets around 2:50 a.m. when a man crossed the street and began walking behind her.

Police said the man made "lewd comments" and touched the woman inappropriately.

The woman yelled at the man, and he walked away down Church Street. She then went to a nearby busi-

ness and called police.

Officers searched for the suspect, but he was not found.

Investigators with the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP major crime unit are looking for a white man in his twenties with a medium build, five-foot-eight to five-foot-nine, brown eyes and a large nose.

Police say he was wearing a close-fitted ski mask covering his mouth, a dark hoodie, dark hat, dark ski jacket with a large stripe across the front, blue jeans, and white running shoes. **METRO**



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## Sheet Harbour. Police looking for information, one year after murders

Police are asking anyone with information on a double homicide in Sheet Harbour to come forward, one year after two men were found in the rubble of a hunting camp.

On Dec. 12, 2012, the bodies of 59-year-old Earle Stewart and 22-year-old Matt Hebb were found after emergency crews put out a fire at a camp off Highway 374.

Halifax investigators arrested a man and a woman on Dec. 18 in connection with the deaths, but later released them.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said on Thursday that the case remains "very much active and open," and investigators continue to follow up on existing leads.

He said he doesn't know whether there are specific people the RCMP believe have information on the homicides, but there's always "a component" to the case where police

### Don't forget

"We try to keep many of these unsolved crimes in the media to try to keep it fresh in people's minds."

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae

reach out to the community for critical information.

An autopsy was completed, and MacRae said RCMP know the cause of death for Hebb and Stewart but are not releasing the information because it would affect the case.

He also couldn't say if the men were known to police.

"It's hard to get into specific details," MacRae said. "But people are involved in these types of crimes and maybe have information about them ... and we need people to come forth." **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

### Cape Breton

#### Man facing child-porn charges

A 22-year-old man is facing child pornography-related charges after a police investigation in Cape Breton.

A release from RCMP states RCMP and Cape Breton police officers carried out two search warrants in the Sydney area Tuesday and seized two laptops from a home.

A 22-year-old man from the Cape Breton Regional Municipality is charged with making available child pornography, and is scheduled to appear in Sydney provincial court next June. **METRO**

### Lunenburg

#### RCMP warn of break-ins

Lunenburg County RCMP are warning residents to take extra precautions in light of a recent rash of break and enters.

A release from RCMP states officers have responded to 34 break-ins in the area since Oct. 1, with East Chester being the hardest hit.

Investigators are warning residents to lock windows and doors, whether you are home or not; and make homes look occupied by leaving lights on or a radio playing. **METRO**

# Judge certifies class-action lawsuit against orphanage

## Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

Lawyer for former residents indicates talks with Justice Department on possible settlement are 'positive'

Former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children who allege they were abused at the Halifax orphanage can proceed with their class-action lawsuit against the province, a provincial Supreme Court judge says.

In a ruling released Thursday, Judge Arthur LeBlanc sanctioned the proceeding but said he wanted more information from the plaintiffs on their litigation plan and a slight amendment to the statement of claim.

Ray Wagner, a lawyer representing the class, praised the decision and said he will provide the judge with the required information before the end of March.

"We're very pleased that he spent as much time and effort and understood the issues and addressed them and came to the conclusion that he did," he said of LeBlanc's decision.

Wagner said talks were taking place with the Justice Department and qualified them as "positive and fruitful."

"I'm quite optimistic that we're going to be able to achieve a resolution that



Tracey Dorrington-Skinner speaks at a news conference at Province House as Tony Smith looks on last December.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

will treat people fairly," he said.

About 150 former residents of the orphanage allege they were sexually, physically and psychologically abused by staff over a 50-year period up until the 1980s.

LeBlanc said in his decision that there were enough common issues for the class to proceed.

Tony Smith, who is part of the class-action, said a satisfactory settlement would be preferable to what would likely be a lengthy

### Settlement possible

- The case may not proceed through the courts if the province and the class can work out a settlement, which the newly elected Liberal government has indicated it wants to try to accomplish.
- Premier Stephen McNeil has not said how much the province is willing to provide in any settlement, but says he is willing to hold an inquiry into the alleged abuse at the home.

court process.

In April, the Home for Colored Children agreed to pay a \$5-million settlement

to 140 plaintiffs after a class-action lawsuit against it was launched two years ago. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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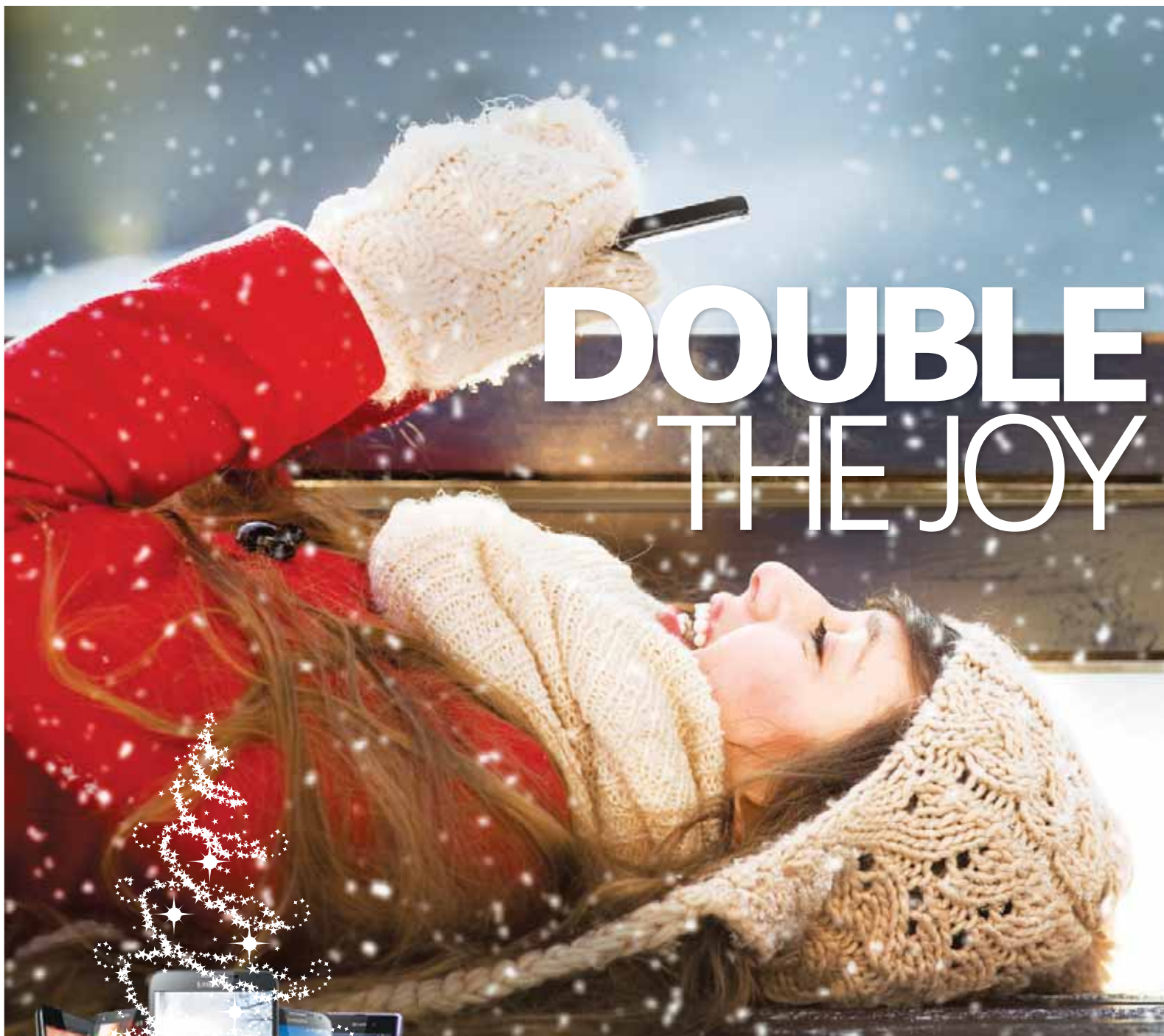
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## NSA leaks: A when's when

June 5-6

Glenn Greenwald stories in the Guardian reveal a secret court order enabling U.S. National Security Agency to spy on Verizon calls and the NSA's PRISM program that monitored Apple, Facebook and Google user data.

June 9

Edward Snowden goes public as the source of the leaks.

Aug. 29

Washington Post reveals 178-page, \$52.6 billion fiscal 2013 "black budget" for the U.S. National Intelligence Program, which employs 107,035 people.

Dec. 4

The Washington Post reports NSA is gathering 5 billion records daily about mobile phone locations around the world.



Snowden's NSA leak has been called the most significant in U.S. history.

SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

# A what's what of who's watching who

**Watch out.** Your email server, credit card company and others are looking at your info — but should you be worried?

**BOB MACKIN**  
Metro in Vancouver

Documents leaked by whistleblower Edward Snowden have revealed how the U.S. government is tracking mobile phone locations, monitoring email and even infiltrating video game networks.

The U.S. is not alone in spying on citizens. A multitude of governments and businesses in Canada track in a variety of ways that concern security experts and civil libertarians.

"We're able to see how many mundane and personal aspects of life are recorded and retained," said Adam Molnar, a postdoctoral fellow in Queen's University's Surveillance Studies Centre.

Technology is such that your daily "digital footprints" can be recorded. The danger



A Banksy graffiti work depicts a child painting the words 'One Nation Under CCTV' with a security guard watching him is situated under a security camera. CATE GILLON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

is that such information could be unlawfully shared or leaked.

Check your Google email and you might see advertising related to websites you frequent. Bell began a similar program in October.

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Access control cards are standard for many office workers and health club members.

Jetting away on a trip?

Don't forget your passport. That information may already be in your airline's database for sharing with the government of your destination.

Airports have multiple layers of security to track the movement of people and luggage.

Fingerprints and mugshots are routinely collected by some foreign countries.

## Shine a light on snooping

- In B.C., MyHydro energy tracks program notices when you turn out the lights in the morning.
- In 2009, Vancouver Public Space Network counted 2,000 closed-circuit cameras in downtown Vancouver.
- If you think your privacy is breached, contact the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, [priv.gc.ca](http://priv.gc.ca).

Could governments someday ask for your unique genetic blueprint?

In Canada, DNA is only collected from convicts. The RCMP wants Ottawa to allow it to take swabs from anyone who is arrested.

"This may be time to have a public discussion to draw those boundaries between our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the extent to which national security remains a priority," Molnar said.

## Our products can be used for good or bad: CEO

Alexander Fernandes had a dream in 2004 to build a better surveillance camera.

His B.C.-based Avigilon Corp. now sells high definition systems with up to 29 megapixel resolution and wants to dominate a global market forecast to be worth \$30 billion by 2016.

"A camera by itself is just a paperweight in the context of security and surveillance," chairman and CEO Fernandes told Metro. "You need to be able to record all that video, search it, retransmit it over the Internet, in some cases view it remotely. We've created the world's first from-the-ground-up video surveillance system."

TSX-traded Avigilon is valued at nearly \$1.27 billion. Revenue increased from \$60 million to \$100.3 million last year. Systems cost as little as \$500, but the company boasts multimillion-dollar clients such as the Rogers Centre in Toronto, San Diego Metro Transit Au-

## Competing interests



**"There's a balance between protecting people and property and not going too far and invading people's privacy."**

Alexander Fernandes, chairman and CEO of Avigilon Corp

thority and Saudi Arabia's King Abdulaziz Airport. The City of Vancouver used Avigilon during the 2010 Winter Olympics for policing and traffic control.

Fernandes calls video surveillance a "platform for honest people and honest businesses to protect themselves from bad people doing bad things to good people."

"I'm a private citizen as

well so I don't necessarily want people looking in on my private space. At the same time I've got children and I want some sense of them being reasonably safe going about their day-to-day livelihood catching the bus and going to school," he said.

Video surveillance is a tool, like a car or hammer, that can be used for good or bad, he said.

Closed-circuit TV footage helped identify 2011 Stanley Cup rioters and led to the arrest of a Surrey man police believe sexually assaulted a woman who mistook a black minivan for a taxi on Oct. 12 in Gastown.

Allan Bosomworth, co-owner of Vancouver's now defunct Two Chefs and a Table, was accused in September of hiding a camera in the restaurant's bathroom to record below-the-waist images. His next court date is Dec. 11.

BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER



Four CCTV surveillance cameras covering a parking lot near the O2 Arena in London, England.

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# North Korea executes Kim Jong-un's uncle

**Pyongyang.** News report calls him 'a traitor to the nation' and 'worse than a dog'

North Korea on Friday announced the execution of Kim Jong-un's uncle, calling the leader's former mentor a traitor who tried to overthrow the state.

The announcement came only days after Pyongyang announced through state media that Jang Song Thaek — long considered the country's No. 2 power — had been removed from all his posts because of allegations of corruption, drug use, gambling, womanizing and leading a "dissolute and depraved life."

The state news agency KCNA said a tribunal examined Jang's crimes, including "attempting to overthrow the state by all sorts of intrigues and despicable methods with a wild ambition to grab the su-

preme power of our party and state."

Jang was seen as helping Kim Jong-un consolidate power after the death of his father, Kim Jong-il, two years ago. Jang was the latest and most significant in a series of personnel reshuffles that Kim has conducted in an apparent effort to bolster his power.

Some analysts see the purge as a sign of Kim Jong-un's growing confidence, but there has also been fear in Seoul that the removal of such an important part of the North's government — seen by outsiders as the leading supporter of Chinese-style economic reforms — could create dangerous instability or lead to a miscalculation or attack on the South.

Tensions are still high on the Korean Peninsula following a torrent of threats in March and April by Kim Jong Un's government against Washington, Seoul and Tokyo, including vows of missile and nuclear strikes.

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People watch a TV news program at Seoul Railway Station, South Korea, on Monday showing Jang Song Thaek, centre, being grabbed at a meeting of Workers Party's Central Committee in Pyongyang the day before. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## More aid promised

### Ukraine will sign EU deal: Deputy PM

Ukraine's deputy prime minister said Thursday his financially troubled country will soon sign a trade and co-operation deal with the EU after the bloc promised more aid to the former Soviet republic.

Serhiy Arbuzov's comment came after a day of

talks with EU Commissioner Stefan Fuele in Brussels, which were being closely watched by anti-government protesters in Ukraine who are demanding such a deal.

For weeks, activists have been amassed in Kyiv to protest Yanukovych's decision regarding the EU deal.

They are concerned that he could instead sign an agreement to join a Russia-

led customs union when he and Russian President Vladimir Putin meet next week.

Yanukovych appears to be in a tough corner. As protesters furious over his decision to turn away from the EU clog the centre of Kyiv, he appeared to be leaving his options open for the best deal he can get from his economically troubled country's powerful suitors.

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## Rob Ford. Reporter serves mayor libel notice

Mayor Rob Ford was slapped with a libel notice late Thursday for televised comments he made about a reporter, who said the remarks amounted to an accusation of pedophilia.

Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale would not comment on his suit that also names Vision TV, which aired the Ford interview, saying an article he wrote for his newspaper would have to stand.

"Enough is enough. I can't tolerate it. I won't tolerate it," Dale wrote.

"I'm asking Ford to immediately retract the false insinuation that I am a pedophile. I am also serving Vision TV, which twice broadcast Ford's vile and defamatory remarks ... even though their interview was filmed days before it aired."

The notice also calls for Vision TV to apologize.

Ford said a day after the interview that he stood by "every word."

He left city hall Thursday evening without saying anything. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Quebec

### Mayor goes to police with corruption scheme

Quebec's anti-corruption squad, known as UPAC, is giving Chateauguay Mayor Nathalie Simon full marks for filing a complaint with police this past September.

The mayor was hailed as a hero Thursday as the unit announced four arrests in a corruption sweep in the working-class town south of Montreal. Police allege the four men were trying to corrupt Simon with money and personal favours in exchange for decisions that would lead to influential positions within the city's administration or to land re-zoning for development projects.

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## Wireless networks

### CRTC to see if telecom giants gouge little guys

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) will look into whether big wireless companies are charging their smaller Canadian competitors too much to use their networks.

The CRTC says some of the larger companies are charging — or want to charge — smaller Canadian companies "significantly higher" wholesale roaming rates than they charge wireless companies in the United States.

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## Air Canada

### Crew puts out fire mid-flight

Crew members aboard an Air Canada Express turbo-prop aircraft managed to put out an engine fire before returning to an airport on central Vancouver Island Thursday morning, says a Transportation Safety Board investigator.

Glen Friesen, the TSB's acting regional manager, said passengers saw flames in the plane's No. 2 engine shortly after the Dash 8-300 took off from the Nanaimo Airport.

"The crew extinguished the fire with the emergency fire bottles that are installed on each engine," said Friesen. There were no injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said at a news conference on Tuesday that he stands by "every word" he said during a televised interview in which he appeared to accuse a reporter of being a pedophile. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS









## Anti-government protests continue in Thailand

A protester uses a pair of wire cutters to snap and remove barbed wire erected by Thai police over the fence of the prime minister's office in Bangkok on Thursday. Protesters waging a surreal political fight to oust Thailand's elected prime minister are trying to establish what amounts to a parallel government — one complete with "security volunteers" to replace the police, a foreign policy of their own and a central committee that has already begun issuing audacious orders. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Blinded Chinese boy receives prosthetic eyes

**Recovery.** 6-year-old boy whose eyes were gouged was successfully fitted with prosthetics that look and move like normal eyes, but don't restore vision

Guo Bin — nicknamed Binbin — danced to music at a send-off ceremony at the C-MER Dennis Lam Eye Hospital in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, where he expressed gratitude and happiness more than three months after a brutal attack left him blind.

The prosthetic eyes look and move much like normal



Guo Bin smiles on Wednesday as he shows a card he drew saying "Thanks" at the hospital. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Police in the boy's hometown in northern China's Shanxi province say they suspect his aunt was the culprit in the attack, although they have not identified a motive. The woman has since committed suicide, and Binbin's parents have raised doubts.

On Thursday, the boy's mother said Binbin can put on his clothes, brush his teeth and climb stairs by himself, according to reports in Hong Kong media.

"He has adapted well and is smart," his mother, Wang Wenli, said before thanking the medical staff.

The attack on the boy horrified the Chinese public and added to outrage over violence against children. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

eyes, but do not restore vision. Doctors plan to fit Binbin with navigation sensors next summer that would allow him to get around on his own in familiar places.

## Italy. Tensions grow as 'Pitchfork Protests' continue

For the first time in the five years of Italy's economic crisis, grass-roots protests expressing frustration if not deep anger at the political class are spreading across the country.

Their singular aim: To send all the politicians home in hopes of ending the coun-

try's malaise.

The so-called "Pitchfork Protests," — the name evoking a peasant uprising — moved into their fourth day Thursday. The protests reflect Italy's two-year recession, which has seen unemployment rise to a post-war high of 12.5 per cent, with youth

unemployment running at a record 40 per cent.

The protests are not organized by any political movement or labour union, but involve a collection of disaffected workers, business owners and youth.

On Wednesday, police used tear gas to disband dem-

onstrators trying to block the border to France at the north western town of Ventimiglia.

Some demonstrators have even intimidated business owners into shutting down by threatening to break their windows, according to Italian news reports.

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### Workers' rights

#### Apple factory conditions improving but still need work

A labour group monitoring three Chinese factories that make iPhones and other Apple products says once-oppressive working conditions

have steadily improved in the last 18 months, but more must be done to reduce how much overtime employees work.

A factory in Guanlan exceeded the 60-hour work week during seven weeks of the Fair Labor Association's review period.

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**Julia and Emma**  
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Goodness runs in their family. Teen sisters Julia and Emma from Oakville, ON made it their mission to collect books for remote "fly-in" communities in Northern Ontario. Their charity Books With No Bounds has collected and distributed over 27,000 books.

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One person can fill an entire community with goodness. Sharon, from Brandon, MB, is in her retirement years, but she still works 5 days a week at her local soup kitchen. There by 6 a.m. every morning, she tirelessly cooks hot meals for 125-150 people from all walks of life.



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# WestJet free-gift video exceeding expectations

**15 million views.**

Airline went all Oprah on hundreds of travellers and got a big brand boost for its trouble

While WestJet insists its holiday gift-giving stunt that spawned a viral video wasn't intended to be a commercial in disguise, marketing experts say the Canadian airline's brand is getting an invaluable boost as the YouTube hit count continues to surge.

In the video, which surpassed 15 million views on Thursday, the airline hatches an elaborate holiday surprise for more than 250 travellers



WestJet's gift-giveaway stunt has become a YouTube smash. SCREENGRAB

heading to Calgary on flights from Toronto and Hamilton.

WestJet customers are seen stumbling upon a video kiosk that connects them with a blue-suited Santa Claus, who asks what they'd like for Christmas. A family asks for a big TV, a boy wants

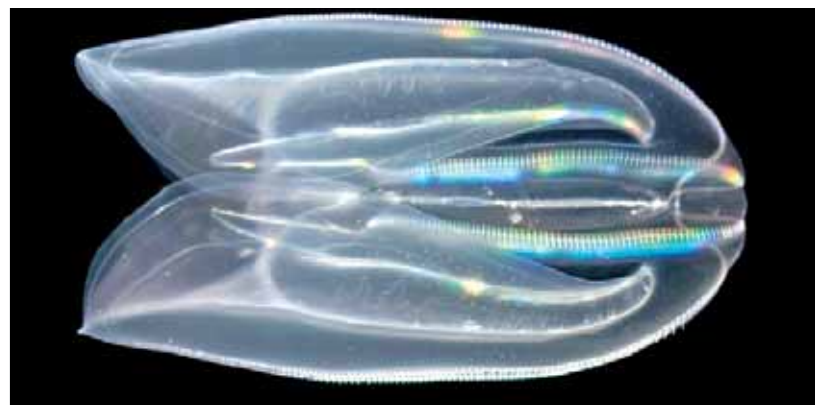
a tablet, and one man asks for socks and underwear.

WestJet staff then scramble to buy the gifts to fill those requests, which are wrapped and delivered via a luggage carousel in Calgary. The shocked reaction of the passengers as they realize what WestJet has done is a feel-good tearjerker.

"They pulled it off in stunning fashion," said Mitch Joel, president of Twist Image.

WestJet said it had hoped the video would generate 200,000 views. "It makes WestJet stand out as a company that goes outside of the norm to take care of its customers," says professor David Soberman with U of T's Rotman School of Management.

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## Sponges not the oldest – it's this guy: Study

Sponges are getting squeezed out of first place in evolution. This image provided by the University of Miami and the journal Science shows the *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, a species of comb jelly known as a sea walnut, a plankton-eating creature native to the western Atlantic. A study of DNA research published Thursday in Science says comb jellies represent the oldest branch of the animal family tree. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Britain

## Being an 'incorrigible rogue' no longer illegal

Repeat rascals in the U.K. can breathe a little easier tonight. Being an "incorrigible rogue" is no longer against

the law.

Britain's Ministry of Justice said that the old-fashioned-sounding offence, created in the early 19th century, was one of more than 300 obsolete offences which had been scrapped over the past year.

The 1824 Vagrancy Act was aimed at the punish-

ment of "idle and disorderly persons," "rogues," and "vagabonds." It defined an "incorrigible rogue" as a homeless person who violently resisted arrest.

Many such laws have been heavily amended since or slipped into obsolescence, replaced by newer legislation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Adopted son

Search for boy  
turns up another  
'Dief' link

Ruthann Malmgren, now of Rockyford, Alta., had also been looking for Ed Thorne on behalf of her mother, Mary Rosa LaMarche, who years earlier had given him up for adoption.

LaMarche had been Dief-



A locket belonging to Mary Rosa LaMarche shows a photograph of her baby Ed Thorne and herself.

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enbaker's housekeeper in Prince Albert, Sask., in the late 1930s, Malmgren said.

At the time, Diefenbaker was having marital difficulties, according to a biography of his first wife. His eye apparently rested on his housekeeper.

In 1938, LaMarche fell pregnant and was promptly sent to Bethany Home in Saskatoon. Little John was born in February 1939. His birth certificate did not list a father.

Malmgren, 70, remembers her dad would say the

baby was Diefenbaker's. He would be angry his wife wore a locket with photos of herself and the infant.

The baby, John Eric LaMarche, was adopted and renamed Edward Thorne.

Malmgren tracked Thorne down to Kamloops and, through him, connected with Stan Goertzen around 2003. She told him his biological father, Ed Thorne, was Diefenbaker's son. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Stan Goertzen, centre, stands with his brothers Lawrence, left, and Darrell in this family photo. The Saskatchewan siblings believe they are grandsons of former prime minister John Diefenbaker. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'Childless' Diefenbaker sired 2 boys?

## Brothers' quest to uncover their roots.

Labyrinthine tale of adoptions, broken and reconstituted families turned up 'Dief' as a common thread

was Diefenbaker's housekeeper Mary Rosa LaMarche.

Content with having found their dad, the Goertzens didn't give the apparent connection to Canada's 13th prime minister much further thought.

One question, however, nagged at the youngest Goertzen brother, Lawrence, who long had doubts about whether Thorne really was his biological father.

Enter George Dryden, 45, who grew up in a Toronto family of privilege only to discover a few years ago that the man who raised him — prominent federal Liberal Gordon Dryden — was not his father.

That revelation prompted Dryden to go on a well-publicized quest to confirm long-time family whispers: that he was the product of an affair between his mother, Mary Lou Dryden, and Diefenbaker, a known confidante.

Dryden, who bears a strong resemblance to the former Conservative prime minister, believes previous genetic matching with a known Diefenbaker relative proved the family connection to his satisfaction.

Lawrence Goertzen, 48, contacted George Dryden and they both sent body samples to a DNA lab, together with Stan Goertzen. The result this month stunned them.

"We're talking about 99.99 per cent probability that they are related," said Kyle Tsui at Toronto-based Accu-Metrics, which did the tests. "This is the expected result for an uncle-nephew relationship."

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## Diefenbabies

"I got a feeling there might be Diefenbabies running around all over the place."

George Dryden, who called DNA tests that showed a 99.99 per cent probability that he and the Goertzens are related "a very nice surprise, an early Christmas present."

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# Putin defends conservative values

**State-of-the-nation address.** Russian leader also warned those abroad seeking a military edge over the country

On Thursday, president Vladimir Putin cast Russia as a defender of conservative values against the "genderless and in-

fertile" Western tolerance that he said equates good and evil.

Putin's state-of-the-nation address also contained a strong warning to those abroad who he claimed were seeking a military edge over Russia — a clear nod at the U.S. effort to develop long-range non-nuclear weapons that Russia sees as a threat to its nuclear deterrent.

The president also announced a sweeping crack-

down on Russian offshore companies to bring billions of dollars home. Putin's 70-minute speech marked a determined effort to burnish Russia's image that has been dented by Western criticism of an anti-gay law which has stoked calls for a boycott of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Putin's pet project.

"Many countries today are reviewing moral norms and erasing national traditions and

distinctions between nationalities and cultures," Putin said.

"The society is now required to demonstrate not only the sensible recognition of everyone's right to freedom of conscience, political outlook and private life, but also the mandatory recognition of the equivalence of good and evil, no matter how odd that may seem."

Russia has insisted that a law banning "propaganda of

non-traditional relations" does not discriminate against gays, but gay-rights groups say it has given a green light to harassment and intimidation.

Without directly referring to the anti-gay law, Putin focused on upholding traditional family values, which he said were the foundation of Russia's greatness against "so-called tolerance — genderless and infertile." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



**Vladimir Putin**  
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## Figurines for change. Gay Russian dolls highlight homophobic laws

Lovingly hand-painted "matryoshka" dolls of seven high-profile British gay men are the tools of a new campaign to highlight homophobic laws in Russia. Seven sets of models depicting British celebrities Elton John, Stephen Fry, George Michael, Graham Norton and Tom Daley will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to LGBT charity The Kaleidoscope Trust, says Liam Fay-Fright of Mother London, the agency that designed them.

**What sort of impact are you hoping for?**

We want to raise at least US\$10,000 for the Trust bat-

ting against homophobia. We have commissioned very talented artists so that people will want them as Christmas gifts and make a statement.

**Was it difficult to choose what celebrities would become dolls?**  
Yes, there was a lot of competition.

**Are you hoping to create a diplomatic incident?**

I hope it causes a diplomatic discussion that raises awareness of the situation, leading to political pressure that encourages the government to reconsider their attitude.

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From left, the dolls as Elton John, Stephen Fry, George Michael, Graham Norton and Tom Daley. CONTRIBUTED

### India

#### Minister won't abandon legalizing homosexuality

India's law minister said Thursday that the government has not abandoned efforts to make homosexuality legal, saying the country must take swift action to challenge a Supreme Court decision banning same-sex relations. The minister, Kapil Sibal, said he was for decriminalizing homosexuality.

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### Europe

#### Equal benefits for gay couples who can't marry

Europe's highest court has ruled that in EU countries where gay couples can't marry, they must get the same benefits as married people if they enter into civil partnerships. The EU Court of Justice ruled Thursday in the case of Frederic Hay, a gay French bank worker who was denied benefits given to married employees.

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Children run along a towpath between houses on April 2, 2013 in Qunu, South Africa. Nelson Mandela's funeral will be held in Qunu. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Village braces for Mandela funeral

**Massive event.** Final goodbye comes with major challenges for tiny Qunu

KIERON MONKS  
Metro World News

The population of Qunu is just under 300, but a mass invasion is underway ahead of Nelson Mandela's funeral Sunday, when the Eastern Cape village where Madiba grew up hosts one of the largest events in South African history.

"There is a lot of people and a lot of disruption," said

a spokesperson at the Nelson Mandela Museum, the largest building in Qunu, which has become the site of a marquee for the world's media.

Much larger temporary structures are being hastily constructed to host the ceremony and its 5,000 guests, with officials admitting work is behind schedule. Eleven venues in the local area will screen the funeral for those unable to attend, with up to 70,000 expected, and accommodation prices rising sharply across the region.

Roads leading to the village will be blocked, and the local airport in Mthatha will become a no-fly zone, reserved for around 100 private jets

## Quoted

**"Everything is in order there, and we are ready to warmly welcome our guests."**

Nomakhosazana Meth, municipality mayor

transporting dignitaries. "The military will be in control," announced municipality mayor Nomakhosazana Meth. "Everything is in order there, and we are ready to warmly welcome our guests."

Many world leaders and

celebrities are expected to attend, including Charles, Prince of Wales, and Oprah Winfrey. More than 1,500 members of the media have been accredited. But residents of the village have claimed they are being prevented from attending the funeral because of the visitors.

On Saturday, a military aircraft will take Mandela's remains from Pretoria 900 kilometres away to the Eastern Cape. The funeral begins at 9 a.m. local time on Sunday. The ex-president will receive a Christian burial, but also the Xhosa rituals of his community with an address to his spirit.

## Central African Republic. Peacekeepers tackle sectarian violence

African peacekeepers fired into the air Thursday in Central African Republic's chaotic capital, trying to disperse a mob bent on hunting down and killing Muslims taking refuge in a church compound.

The unrest in Bangui underscored the uncertainty that remains in the capital of the Central African Republic, despite the arrival of 1,600 French soldiers and patrols by regional African peacekeepers. The two forces are seeking to stabilize this impoverished, now lawless, country after more than 500 people were killed last week in sectarian bloodshed.

In March, an alliance of mostly Muslim rebels from the north tossed out the country's Christian president in a coup that brought President Michel Djotodia to power. Rage has

mounted recently against the men who took part in that coup, known as Seleka, who have also been accused of carrying out scores of attacks on civilians since then.

On Thursday, several thousand people stood by as a group of young men lobbing huge rocks tried to break into the compound of the Saint-Jacques Church in Bangui, looking for an ex-rebel general they believed to be inside.

After firing their guns, the regional peacekeepers hustled several men from the church compound during the melee that ensued, although the men wore civilian clothing and appeared to be Muslim clerics rather than ex-rebels. The mob hurled rocks at the peacekeepers and their vehicles.

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## Middle East. Syrian refugee camp hit hard by winter storm

Syrians at a sprawling refugee camp in northern Jordan scrambled to batten down their tents against torrential rains and high winds as a blustery winter storm battered parts of the Middle East for a second day Thursday.

The storm, dubbed Alexa, already has pounded much of Lebanon and parts of northern Syria, pushing temperatures below zero and dumping snow and heavy rains. In some parts of Israel and the West Bank, meanwhile, government offices and schools shuttered to wait out the winter weather.

Syrian refugees across the region, however, were among the hardest hit by the storm,

which heaped another layer of misery on the already grim existence of many of the more than two million Syrians who have fled the civil war raging in their homeland.

At Jordan's sprawling Zaatari refugee camp, which is home to 120,000 refugees, wind toppled at least 10 tents overnight, leaving residents vulnerable to freezing temperatures.

Zaatari spokesman Wadah Hmoud said two days of heavy rains have flooded several areas of the camp. He said aid workers were struggling to replace tents with prefabricated housing units for the camp's 120,000 inhabitants.

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## Interpreter says he hallucinated

The man accused of faking sign interpretation while standing alongside world leaders like U.S. President Barack Obama at Nelson Mandela's memorial service said Thursday he hallucinated that angels were entering the stadium, has schizophrenia and has been violent in the past.

Thamsanqa Jantjie said in a 45-minute interview with The Associated Press that his hallucinations began while he was

interpreting and that he tried not to panic because there were "armed policemen around me." He added that he was once hospitalized in a mental health facility for more than one year and a half.

The statements by Jantjie also raise serious security issues for Obama, other heads of state and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who stood next to Jantjie as they made speeches at FNB Stadium

in Soweto, Johannesburg's famed black township. The ceremony honoured Mandela, the anti-apartheid icon and former president who died on Dec. 5.

A South African deputy Cabinet minister, Hendrietta Bopane-Zulu, later held a news conference to announce that "a mistake happened" in the hiring of Jantjie.

A medical expert with University College London cau-

tioned that Jantjie's unusual sign language didn't look like it was caused by schizophrenia or another psychosis.

"The disruption of sign language in people with schizophrenia takes many forms but this does not look like anything I have seen in signers with psychosis," said Jo Atkinson, who is a clinical psychologist and researcher at the Center for Deafness, Cognition and Language. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### France

#### Caretaker charged in poison deaths

A caretaker at a French retirement home was charged in the poisoning deaths of six patients, accused Thursday of slipping the elderly residents a psychotropic cocktail over the course of two months.

Three other victims were sickened but survived, said Dietlind Baudoin, assistant prosecutor of Chambery in France's east.

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### Madagascar

#### Plague outbreak suspected

Local authorities in Madagascar say 20 people have died since last week because of what they suspect to be an outbreak of bubonic plague.

Police in the northwestern district of Mandritsara said Wednesday the deceased could not be treated in time. They say more than 20 others suspected of being infected are being treated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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# Doritos execs dust themselves off, dream up more wacky foods

## Next from the PepsiCo food innovation lab...

On the heels of Doritos Locos Tacos prepare for chip-topped wings and Mountain Dew sauces

Dorito dust may be the new salt for more restaurant chains.

PepsiCo Inc., which owns Cheetos, Fritos, Tostitos and other snacks, found success last year after teaming up with Taco Bell to create Dorito-flavoured taco shells. And it has since been dreaming up other restaurant dishes featuring its popular snacks.

The company announced Thursday that it struck a deal to serve its drinks at Buffalo Wild Wings. PepsiCo also said it would work with the sports-centric chain to create "unique menu offerings."

Buffalo Wild Wings CEO

### So crazy, it worked

Over at Taco Bell, Doritos Locos Tacos continue to be a considerable sales driver.

- Taco Bell CEO Greg Creed has noted that a major advantage of the tacos is that competitors can't replicate them — their success is largely tied to the popularity of the Doritos brand.

Sally Smith said she visited PepsiCo's food innovation lab in New York and was shown several dishes the chain might put on its menu. Ideas included Doritos as a crunchy topping for wings or tenders, or even just offering potato chips as a side dish. Smith said she was shown salad dressings and sandwich and chicken wing sauces that incorporate PepsiCo's sodas, including Mountain Dew. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



**Doritos LOCOS TACOS**

If PepsiCo has its way you'll be licking more of that red, sticky dust from your fingers as it builds on the success of Doritos Locos Tacos. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/TACO BELL**



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## Sticky fingers. Queen not amused by cops gobbling guests' nuts, court hears

A private investigator convicted of eavesdropping on the voice mails of royal staff told a tabloid editor that Queen Elizabeth II was annoyed because police officers ate the nuts laid out for Buckingham Palace guests.

The tidbit was passed on by Clive Goodman to Andy Coulson, then editor of the now-defunct News of the World.

Goodman's 2005 email notes: "memo (has) now gone around to all palace cops tell-

ing them to keep their sticky fingers out."

The email was used as evidence at the phone-hacking trial of Coulson, former editor Rebekah Brooks and five others. All deny guilt.

An eighth defendant, Ian Edmondson, was dropped from the trial Thursday because doctors have declared him unfit to stand trial. Judge John Saunders said Edmondson would be tried once he has recovered. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Her Majesty the Queen reportedly went a little nuts after palace police officers ate nuts laid out for guests. **PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

### TimmyMe app

## Two years after Starbucks, Tim's tries tap-and-pay

A limited number of Tim Hortons stores are now letting you pay for a double-double with your smartphone.

Participating outlets in Canada and the U.S. will allow users with some BlackBerry 10 devices, iPhones and Google Android smartphones to pay with a TimmyMe app.

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Share with up to 15 peeps

## Filter who gets that latest selfie on Instagram Direct

Instagram has added a new feature that lets users share photos and videos with up to 15 people rather than everyone who follows them on the popular Facebook-owned photo-sharing app.

Called Instagram Direct, the feature is available for Apple and Android phones. CEO Kevin Systrom said at a news event in New York City. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Licence to sue

## Beastie Boys aim to set it straight, countersue toy co.

The Beastie Boys are firing back after a toy company sued them over a video parody of their song Girls.

The two surviving members of the rap trio filed a lawsuit of their own Tuesday in Oakland federal court claiming toy company GoldieBlox unfairly used the popular song as a jingle to sell its products.

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# THE GOOD PEOPLE WANT GANJA

**1 Asian cockroaches.** A new species has been discovered in the Big Apple. Recently identified by scientists as *Periplaneta japonica*, a genus native to Japan, the insect is known in China and Korea for its ability to survive in cold climates. New Yorkers remain unfazed by news of another living creature trying to survive and breed in their city.

**2 Grounded.** Last Friday, Tom Wagner fell asleep on a flight to Houston. He was overlooked by staff and awoke to find himself trapped in the dark aircraft. He called his girlfriend and she notified the airline, who eventually rescued him. Counter-terrorism agencies expressed concern over the news but airport security assured them that Wagner had nothing in his shoes and did not have a bottle of water.

**3 Mama knows.** Mothers' favourite gift this year is the FiLiP smartwatch. A colourful wristwatch doubling as a phone with voice and GPS so parents can keep track of



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their kids at all times. American women are currently lobbying for this same technology to be used in wedding rings.

**4 Everything I (Think I) Am.** Kanye West is the world's greatest artist. Just ask him. He appeared at his Texas concert wearing a mask and someone shouted, "Take it off." After having security eject the paid-ticket holder, Kanye cleared up any possibility of mistaken identity by declaring his full name. "I'm Kanye-mothaf-in-West!" he said. And no one's arguing that.

**5 Grass is greener.** Hashtag "cannabis" has been trending on Twitter, and not just because weed-smokers repeatedly tweeted while forgetting they had. Ganja is making news because public appeal for legalization is growing, while staunch opposers recycle archaic myths of reefer madness as they guzzle their spirit of choice. "It's a gateway drug," they say. Yes, the gateway to procrastination and poor gastronomical decisions. And last I checked, neither

one of those is criminal.

**6 Heading south.** U.S. private-equity firm Bain Capital has managed to overtake one of our country's great national treasures: Canada Goose. Current president Dani Reiss says that the corporation intends to maintain the high standards for outerwear that his family worked hard to create, and that they will continue to be made in Canada. Oh good, so we still won't be able to afford them.

**7 Hallelujah.** Time magazine's Person of the Year goes to Pope Francis! The people's pontiff was chosen for refocusing the church away from condemnation and back to basics like mercy, compassion and maybe even smoking weed.

**8 This week in music.** On Dec. 12, 1957, rock 'n' roll icon Jerry Lee Lewis, who was still married to his first wife, secretly wed his 13-year-old second cousin Myra Gale Brown. This "degenerate trifecta" raised interesting public debate about which was more disturbing: the bigamy, the incest or the statutory rape. Now, that's what I call some Great Balls of Fire.

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## ZOOM

### Burglary — it's monkey business



CYRIL RUOSO/MINDEN PICTURES/SOLENT NEWS

#### Baboons raid apartment for food

These baboons show they really are cheeky monkeys by breaking into an apartment, stealing food and parading their loot, including a giant teddy bear. Around 10 chacma baboons clambered into the third-floor flat in Cape Town, South Africa, and wreaked havoc, after one of their accomplices managed to get the window open. **METRO**

#### Photog says



"I am quite used to working with monkeys but I was amazed. When they came out with a giant teddy bear, I was even more astonished."

Cyril Ruoso, wildlife photographer, 43, from France

#### Loss of habitat leads to urban raid

Due to loss of natural habitat, baboons on the Cape Peninsula are adapting to human environment, entering urban areas in search of food.

"The intimidation that the big males employ has become physical and my young son no longer feels safe in the house," says Pierrre de Villiers, who lives in the town of Scarborough on the peninsula. **METRO**



A baboon escapes with a teddy bear. **SOLENT NEWS**

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The festive season is in full swing, which means there is an overwhelming amount of holiday indulgence and selfie-snapping. Here are some apps that can help you look flawless, albeit not so natural, in photos.

#### Facetune:

For \$2.99, this photo-editing app for iPhone and iPad is the perfect tool to help you achieve a professional-looking, polished photo. Options include a function to smooth the appearance of wrinkles. Smooth not enough? There's a "smoother" option, too.

blemishes and wrinkles. It can work with solo images, as well as group shots, personalizing results for each subject.

#### Beauty Camera:

This free photo-editing app for Android is designed to make you look beautiful. Say there's no good light in the room for a photo — no worries! Beauty Camera can instantly change the lighting and tonal details in the photo. You can also compare the effects with the original photo.

#### Pixtr:

Use this free app to instantly perfect your photos. Pixtr can automatically correct face symmetry and remove

#### Twitter

@metropicks asked: A Vancouver bus driver isn't allowed to wear a Santa suit because it's against uniform policy. Should he be allowed?

@TrentRedekop: will it help him

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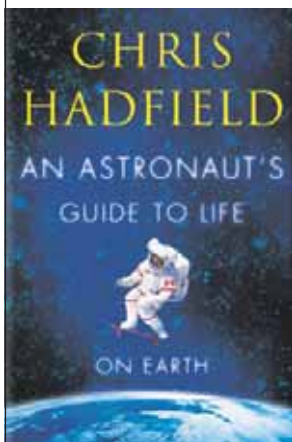
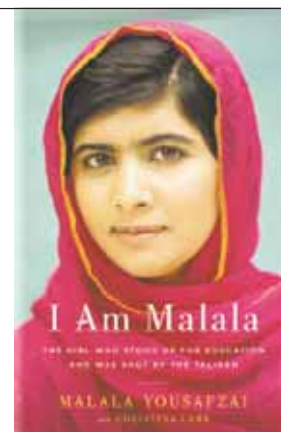
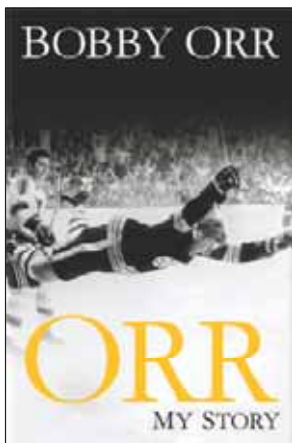
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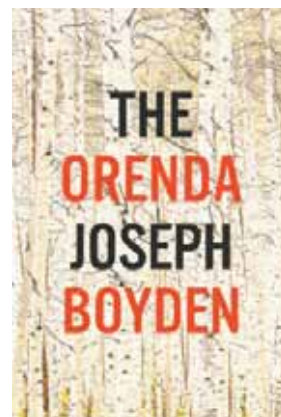
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## Synopsis

Picking up where *An Unexpected Journey* left off, Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) and Gandalf (Ian McKellen) join with Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and his army of 12 dwarves. Their goal is to traverse Mirkwood, Esgaroth and Dale to locate the fire-breathing dragon Smaug who hoards the wealth of the Lonely Mountain. On the way they battle giant spiders, make a deal with Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans), the descendant of the original Lord of Dale, and some helpful and not-so-helpful elves (including a good lookin' and deadly She-Elf played by Evangeline Lilly).

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●



The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug is more of an Unexpected Journey — only one that doesn't really go anywhere. HANDOUT

## Reel Guys

### RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



# This Hobbit is hobbling

**The Desolation of Smaug.** J.R.R. Tolkien fans will surely geek out on the latest installment but one of the Reel Guys couldn't care less about the film

**Richard:** Mark, despite the sense of mild confusion I felt as I tried to piece the story together, I really enjoyed *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. It took a lot of backstory to get to the fifth film based on Middle-earth and its inhabitants and it will help if you know your Shire from your Sauron or your Skin Changers.

But having said that, Peter Jackson has crafted a great action adventure with the same

consistency of tone, style and spirit that runs through the LOTR and *Hobbit* movies. They feel like story shards chipped off the same block.

**Mark:** Richard, there are two kinds of people in this world — those who admire and enjoy the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, and those who are repelled by his neo-medieval, Druidic nonsense.

You can guess which camp I fall into. I sat through the Rings trilogy under great duress, and skipped the first *Hobbit* entirely. So the only question was how much I would loathe this picture. The good news is: not that much. True, the entire movie and everyone in it needs a haircut, but the set pieces worked, especially the barrel escape down the river and the entire dragon sequence. But the movie

felt so long I could have flown to Tokyo for dinner and gotten back in time for the end credits.

**RC:** I think fans will find the length just about right... non-fans, maybe not so much. This one worked for me. There's a Richard Attenborough old school epicness about it. It is about good and evil without troubling nuance or anti-heroes.

Perhaps because Englishman Tolkien penned these action adventure stories during the Second World War when evil was clear-cut, his books are ripe with allegory but straightforward in their approach to morality and good vs. evil.

**MB:** A good point, but maybe it's precisely that serious, hectoring tone that always

turned me off. Evangeline Lilly, on the other hand, did not turn me off — quite the opposite.

She really holds the screen even if her ears need cosmetic surgery. But the ending — a cliffhanging cheat, if you ask me — elicited a collective groan from the audience and made the experience feel incomplete. Did you like the dark look of the picture?

**RC:** I did like the look. It's darker in tone than the *Hobbit* books for sure, but I thought it suited Peter Jackson's take on the story. I also liked the *Walking Dead* style battle scenes — lots of arrows in heads.

**MB:** I kept hoping for someone to show up with a gun and put them all out of my misery.

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# Great Odin's Raven! Ron Burgundy is back

## Anchorman 2.

Will Ferrell swore he'd never make a sequel ... OK maybe just one

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There's a stack of magazines sitting on the coffee table of Will Ferrell's suite at Toronto's Carlton-Ritz and as we settle down to chat in the plush chairs, the glossy one on top grabs his attention. He picks it up and flourishes his hand across its cover — a picture of a panda munching on a bamboo shoot.

"How apropos that there's

a panda on the cover of this magazine, which was the big story in the first Anchorman. The panda story," he reminisces. "It's too bad they're almost extinct now. But let's not talk about that."

Indeed. Time is of the essence and Ferrell's got a few more upbeat things to wax about — like Anchorman 2 and his whirlwind promotion

tour. Prior to touching down in Toronto earlier this month, he'd pulled a few Ron Burgundy stunts — co-anchoring a local newscast in Bismarck, N.D., and co-hosting the Roar of the Rings curling tournament in Winnipeg. But it's all a labour of love for Ferrell, who together with his co-writer Adam McKay, once swore they'd never do sequels



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— a claim with an asterisk for one special movie. "We would always have this sidebar conversation where it was 'well, if we ever were to do a sequel one day, it would probably be Anchorman,'" he says.

The original Anchorman reached almost cult-like status when it came out on DVD nearly 10 years ago. For a time, its jokes were fodder for every armchair comic. "People just started falling in love with this movie on a different level after repeat viewings," says Ferrell.

In Anchorman 2, Ron Burgundy and his reunited crew (Paul Rudd, Steve Carell, David Koechner) face a new decade — the '80s — with new challenges: a 24-hour cable news channel and — gasp — a female African American boss. In terms of joke density, Anchorman 2 packs in as many as the first and even more cameos. Kanye West, Will Smith, Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Liam Neeson and Harrison Ford are just a fraction of the big names in the film.

"That's the love people have for Anchorman. We kept hearing from people and had them reaching out to us."

Ferrell says they even set

## Quoted

**"Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental."**

Will Ferrell on the crew reprising their newscasting roles in Anchorman 2

their sights on Brad Pitt, who he wanted to play Ron Burgundy's pretty boy nemesis — anchor Jack Lime — but when Pitt declined, Ferrell and McKay brought in James Marsden. "We just did an informal read-through of the script to see how jokes were playing and Marsden read that part and we were like 'he's the guy,'" he says.

Ferrell adds the film-making felt more like a reunion party. "Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental and it was like, 'wow, we're actually going to do this again.'"

"It's cliché sounding but I don't know if I've worked more closely with any cast, the way we get along and how we have this shared sense of letting each other be funny all at the same time and there's no real competition."

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# Lots of talent, but little gold to go around

**Golden Globes noms.** It's a crowded field and the Hollywood Foreign Press doesn't seem to know what funny is



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Awards season is officially here, thanks to the announcements of the Golden Globe nominations, and the best word to describe this year's crop is crowded. So crowded, in fact, that some heavy hitters have been almost left out.

Steve McQueen's 12 Years a Slave is still considered the lead favourite, with nominations for the film itself, director McQueen, stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender and Lupita Nyong'o, screenwriter John Ridley and composer Hans Zimmer.

But with such a crowded year it's easy for votes to get split. At least McQueen doesn't have to worry about David O. Russell's nomination-heavy



Zoe Saldana, Aziz Ansari and Olivia Wilde have a laugh before announcing the noms for the Golden Globes on Thursday in California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Hustle until the Oscars, as the Hollywood Foreign Press (HFPA) have placed it in the musical or comedy category (see sidebar).

Though it earned several nominations earlier in the week from the Screen Actors Guild, Lee Daniels' the Butler didn't garner a mention —

not even for Oprah Winfrey, despite the HFPA's starstruck reputation. And while Martin Scorsese's Wolf of Wall Street nabbed nominations for the film and star Leonardo DiCaprio, it didn't make the cut in any other major category. Sorry, Scorsese.

Ejiofor, Idris Elba and Julia

Louis-Dreyfus will be pulling double duty come the night of the awards, with nominations in both the film and television categories. And ceremony co-host Amy Poehler might have to take a break to make an acceptance speech, as she's up for her work on Parks and Recreation.

But what's most noteworthy about the television nominations is what and who didn't get nominated. The HFPA obviously didn't respond to the most recent season of Mad Men, as the series didn't score a single nod. Neither did HBO's Game of Thrones or Showtime's

Homeland. And while Downtown Abbey earned a nomination for the series itself, none of the cast — not even Maggie Smith — warranted a mention.

The Golden Globes will be awarded during a televised ceremony Jan. 12, four days before the Academy Awards nominations are announced.

## That's not funny!

The HFPA is earning more than the usual amount of criticism this year for its musical or comedy film categories not really honouring musicals or comedy. Some of the films filling the top category — best picture musical or comedy (American Hustle, Her, Inside Llewyn Davis, Nebraska and The Wolf of Wall Street) shouldn't really be considered comedies, critics are arguing. Producers have been criticized in the past for positioning serious fare in the comedy category to increase a film's chances.

## Nominations

- **Best Motion Picture Drama.** 12 Years a Slave; Captain Phillips; Gravity; Philomena; Rush
- **Best Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.** American Hustle; Her; Inside Llewyn Davis; Nebraska; The Wolf of Wall Street
- **Best Director.** Alfonso Cuarón - Gravity; Paul Greengrass - Captain Phillips; Steve McQueen - 12 Years a Slave; Alexander Payne - Nebraska; David O. Russell - American Hustle
- **Best Actor Motion Picture Drama.** Chiwetel Ejiofor - 12 Years a Slave; Idris Elba - Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom; Tom Hanks - Captain Phillips; Matthew McConaughey - Dallas Buyers Club; Robert Redford - All is Lost
- **Best Actor Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.** Christian Bale - American Hustle; Bruce Dern - Nebraska; Leonardo DiCaprio - the Wolf of Wall Street; Oscar Isaac - Inside Llewyn Davis; Joaquin Phoenix - Her
- **Best Actress Motion Picture Drama.** Cate Blanchett - Blue Jasmine; Sandra Bullock - Gravity; Judi Dench - Philomena; Emma Thompson - Saving Mr. Banks; Kate Winslet - Labor Day
- **Best Actress Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.** Amy Adams - American Hustle; Julie Delpy - Before Midnight; Greta Gerwig - Frances Ha; Julia Louis-Dreyfus - Enough Said; Meryl Streep - August: Osage County

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# Emma Thompson on the cusp of crotchety

## Saving Mr. Banks.

Actress puts an interesting twist on a character that could have fallen to stereotype



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Just before our chat with *Saving Mr. Banks* star Emma Thompson, the British actress had wowed a press conference audience with a rather athletic entrance, vaulting herself over the dais — legs lifting high over the table — to get to her seat. The display was a far cry from P.L. Travers, her terse on-screen alter ego in *Banks*. But then there's a lot Thompson and Travers don't have in common.

### I wanted to commend you on a fantastic entrance to the press conference.

Essentially what you have to understand is that spiritually I always carry a bladder on a stick and wear a cap and bells. I must, I think, in a past life been some sort of court jester. Because I seem to make it my aim in life to get a laugh. Any way you can.

**And may I say, you're quite limber. I don't know that I could've managed that.**  
You can always go down and have a go later.

### I found it a bit distracting in this film that you're far too young for the part.

Well, I'm not far too young. I'm 54 and she was 66 at the time. I also think I look very old — suitably and properly old. Travers herself liked to divide a woman's life into three main parts: nymph, mother and crone. So I said, "Why don't we just play her on that cusp between mother and crone?" There's still a kind of Eros, an erotic possibility for her, but you can see that it's never going to happen because she's too closed up. I think that's more interesting because you can see the possibility there, and you're not playing a crotchety old lady — who is rather more easy, because of the way that our world works, to dismiss.

### What are your thoughts on that simplified trio of life stages?

I kind of like it. I think it's interesting, you know, with the seven ages of man being another format, if you like, for thinking about the stages



Emma Thompson plays the curmudgeonly P.L. Travers in *Saving Mr. Banks*, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

of our lives. And I personally think everything is always happening at once, if you see what I mean. I think that we carry it with us all the time, so you don't necessarily leave anything behind. It's all coming with you.

### You've mentioned a problem with trying to find heroic historical female characters to

### look to. How do we fix that?

There are many things you can do. There's two questions: What is heroism? Is it action? Does it have to be action-based? As I started to [work] in cinema I realized that I would identify with Marlon Brando because he was the one getting to do things and that women seemed to be the ones saying, "No, don't

do that brave thing, stay here with me," I started to get very frustrated with that. And I remain frustrated with that because it's still a very common trope. I turned down role after role after role in my 30s which were the wife going, "No please! Why don't you think of us? Think of the children!" That sort of milksop, marshmallow-y stuff

that wasn't even allowed to be inhabited in any real way. But the problem with female heroism is not one that's very easy to answer because if the actions are going to be the same as the male hero, then what do you do? You stick a gun in their hands. What's the point of that? It's the same old, same old. It's a real conundrum.



Lennon was a supporting player in *How I Won the War*. CONTRIBUTED

# Lesser-known Lennon film contains eerie premonition

## How I Won the War.

The 1967 satirical movie, by the director of *Help!* and *A Hard Day's Night*, is rife with absurdism and gags — but a line in the final battle scene is what's most memorable

**MATT PRIGGE**

Metro World News in New York City

On Dec. 8, 1980, John Lennon was gunned down by deranged fan Mark David Chapman. Lennon, like the Beatles, has been examined every which way, even idolized in a manner that can sand over his rougher edges.

Still, some of his output gets ignored, including

much of his solo work; his by-many-accounts unlistenable art records with Yoko Ono; the couple's avant-garde films; and his books, packed silly with aggressive wordplay.

And then there's his acting. We don't mean *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* (Both are classics, although there's an argument to be made that *Help!* is even better. It's goofier and its absurd sense of humour, while owing more to director Richard Lester and writer Charles Wood than the Beatles, anticipates the likes of Monty Python.) We mean the only film in which he didn't play himself (or "himself").

That would be *How I Won the War*, made in 1967. A dense, kaleidoscopic and bracing satire, it was once again made by the team of Lester and Wood. Lester was a poppy stylist who married fast-paced imagery — he was

called "the grandfather of the music video," which prompted him to half-jokingly ask for a blood test — to a bemused and skeptical world view. Wood was, like Lennon, an incorrigible wordsmith.

Despite dominating its advertisements, Lennon is only a supporting player in *How I Won the War*. The lead is played by Michael Crawford, the future Phantom of the Opera, who at that point was a go-to bumbling, stammering, pratfalling man-child.

The film was based on a satirical novel by Patrick Ryan, but Lester and Wood went further into absurdism. Here, Crawford's obviously proper lieutenant takes his troops, who all hate him, to North Africa on a mission to set up a cricket pitch.

The plot is beyond loose, there to buttress a frankly exhausting stream of gags and Brechtian devices. Actors,

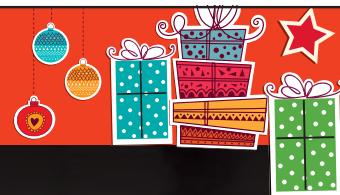
### Chilling scene

- The final battle in *How I Won the War* features a moment even more chilling than its makers could have imagined. Lennon's character is fatally wounded. He drops to the ground and, still alive and lucid, stares into the camera and says: "I knew this would happen. You knew it would happen, didn't you?"

among them Lennon's Gripweed, address the camera. The antics of the token clownish soldier (Jack MacGowran) — who, as it's gradually revealed, is actually totally insane — sometimes get fitted with a laugh track, decades before Oliver Stone did the same thing in *Natural Born Killers*.

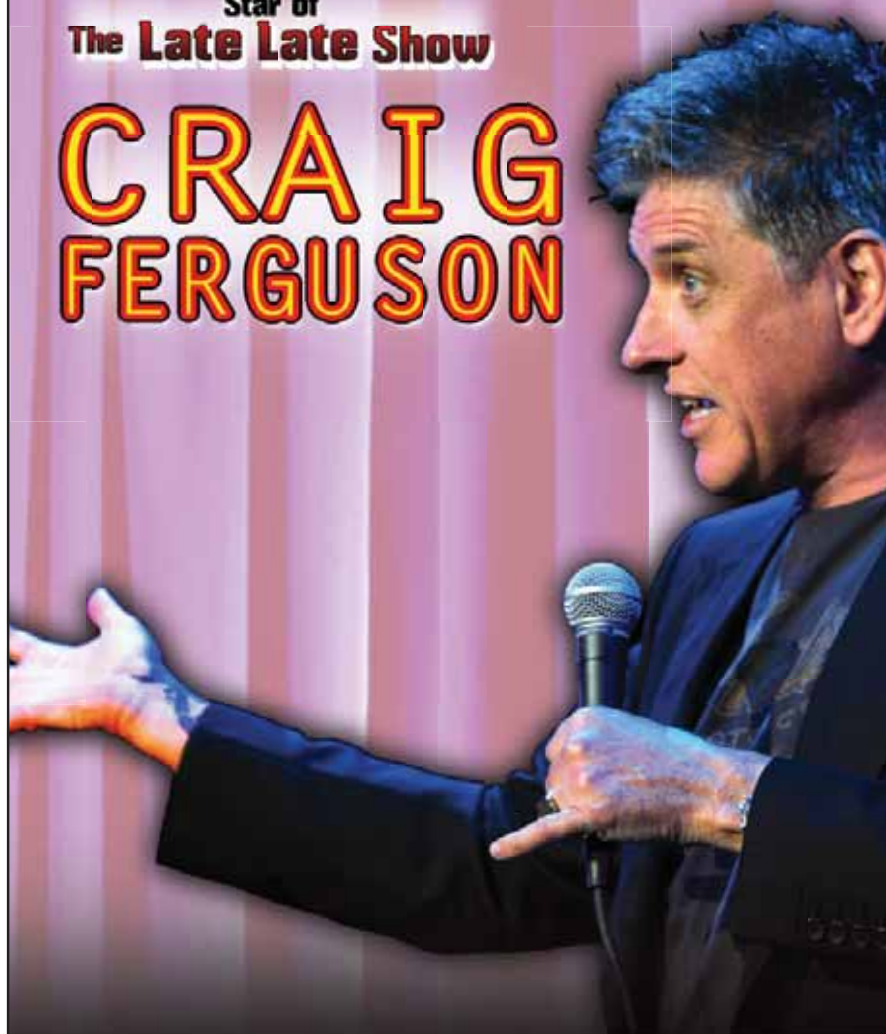


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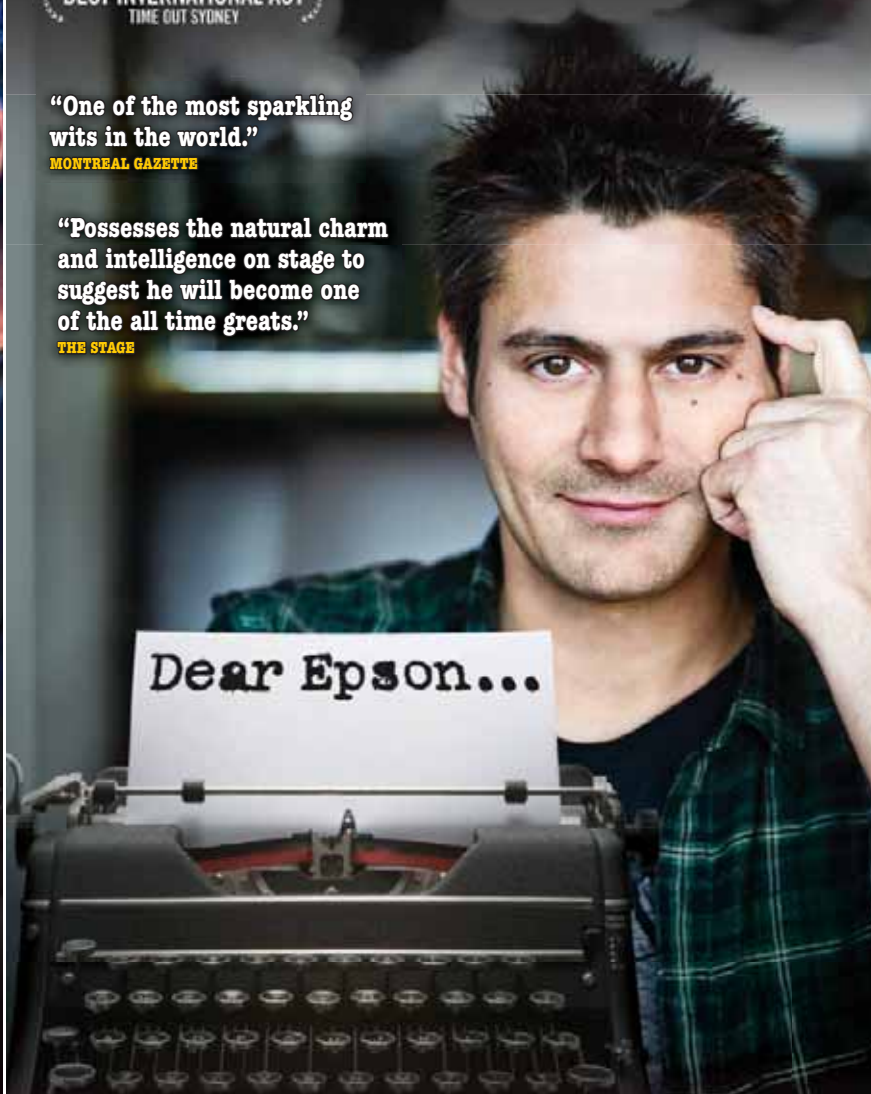
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# Honoured as Billboard's woman of year, Pink says husband deserves some credit

**Interview.** A top tour, MTV awards and millions of units sold has the pop act flying high as the accolades keep rolling in

While she's excited her ballad Just Give Me a Reason is nominated for the song of the year Grammy, Pink says she believes her husband deserves some credit for its success. The track, which topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart for three weeks, is about holding on to a troubled relationship.

"It means everything because it's a conversation between lovers fighting the good fight and that's been our life," Pink said in an interview Tuesday, standing next to her motorcycle racer husband, Carey Hart. "Our family is everything to us."

The 34-year-old often de-

tails their rocky relationship in her music.

"At the end of the day I crawl onto his lap and complain, so if someone wants to award me for that, they should give him the award," she said.

Pink was in great spirits Tuesday in New York City, where Billboard named the pop star its woman of the year.

"It's been a long road," she said. "It's been a roller coaster and I'm on board for the rises and the falls of it all."

Pink's successful year includes a top-grossing international tour and awards, an MTV Video Music Award among them. The Truth About Love, her sixth album released last year, has sold 1.8 million units.

Just Give Me a Reason, which has sold 4 million tracks and features Nate Ruess of fun., is also nominated for best pop duo or group

performance at the Jan. 26 Grammy Awards.

Pink, who has won four Grammys, said being up for the coveted song of the year is unreal.

"That's a new thing for me," she said. "It's a pinch-me moment. I'm afraid to cross the street."

Her hit will battle anthems from Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, Lorde and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

But at the Billboard event, camaraderie was key: Pink congratulated R&B singer Janelle Monae, who was honoured as music's rising star, while sister duo Tegan and Sara and Scottish band Chvrches performed. Debbie Harry, Kimberly Perry of the Band Perry, Andy Cohen, Matt Lauer and Melanie Fiona attended the event.

Pink's The Truth About Love Tour wraps Jan. 31 in Las Vegas.

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Pink performs during her The Truth About Love Tour. It wraps up Jan. 31 in Las Vegas.. HANDOUT

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## Who listens to the radio?



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Here are three more examples of stuff you'll never, ever hear played over the airwaves



### I'm Not a Young Man Anymore – The Velvet Underground

It was only performed live once and never turned up on any bootlegs. From the 45th anniversary reissue of White Light/White Heat. One needs to hear it to believe it.



### Sweet Child O' Mine – Some three year-old kid

You'll be blown away by this kid playing along to Gun N' Roses. To be that coordinated and musical at age three is almost alien.



### Krampus Carol – Craterface

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**Barron Hilton beating****Paris-Lindsay smackdown apparently still has legs**

It looks like Lindsay Lohan might not be in the clear just yet for the alleged beating of Barron Hilton

in Miami last week, as the hotel heir — and younger brother to Paris Hilton — had his lawyer reach out to Miami Beach police to discuss their investigation, according to Radar Online.

"A meeting is being scheduled for Mr. Hilton to give a formal statement about the incident," a police spokesman says. Hilton reportedly wants Lohan's

friend Ray LeMoine charged for the attack, but he'd initially backed off. "He has been made aware that there are incriminating photos that, if released, could tell a very different side of what took place," a source says. While Lohan hasn't currently been implicated in the incident, sources say Hilton believes she ordered LeMoine to beat him up.

**METRO DISH**

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Madonna. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

**Madge splits with (much) younger beau**

Madonna has split up with boyfriend Brahim Zaibat after three years of dating, the singer's rep confirms to Us Weekly. "It ran its course," a source says. "They were dancing and working

together all the time, and then they barely saw each other." Madonna first started dating the then-25-year-old dancer in 2010 before hiring him on as a backup dancer for her 2012 world tour.



Paul Walker

**Investigation into Walker crash could take 90 days**

Funeral services will be held this weekend for Paul Walker, but the cause of the Nov. 30 car crash that claimed the lives of the Fast and Furious star and his friend, Roger Rodas, could remain a mystery for up to 90 days as authorities investigate, according to the Hollywood

Reporter. A police spokesman says that any reports at this point about what caused the Porsche Carrera GT Rodas was driving to strike a light pole, two trees and a street sign are purely speculative. A coroner's report has already ruled the deaths to be accidental.

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As sure as Rudolph was a reindeer, you're going to feel some level of stress over the holidays — possibly when choosing a wine to match with your feast.

Since Charles was a little Dickens, turkey has been the headliner. Unfortunately, the bird never travels alone. It's surrounded by sweet and savoury sides that can throw a curve ball at even the most accommodating wine match.

If you're a white wine fan, think sparkling. A fresh bubbly is the great equalizer, pairing with just about everything (even if you decide on red meat or seafood this Xmas).

The classic turkey-meets-stuffing-meets-cranberry scenario that will play out on most tables is a lover of full-bodied chardonnay. Try one with a touch of oaky goodness from Australia, Chile, Canada or California.

Whites with a hint of residual sugar like savoury and sweet. The balanced, juicy fruit of Moselland's 2012 Ars Vitis Riesling (\$9.95 - \$16.99) is a guaranteed crowd pleaser that looks as good as it tastes.

Next week: My red picks. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

# Fancy doesn't have to mean complicated

**Spinach-stuffed Chicken Thighs.** This dish makes it possible to dazzle guests without much effort

1. In skillet over medium heat, wilt spinach until reduced. Let cool until easily handled, then squeeze moisture from spinach. Finely chop. You should have about 1/3 cup. Set aside.

2. Using paring knife, remove skin and bone from 2 chicken thighs. Place them in food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Add ice and process until absorbed. Add sour cream and pulse again until well mixed. Add spinach, 1/2 teaspoon salt, fennel, lemon zest, nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper. Pulse, scraping down

### Ingredients

- 5 oz baby spinach
- 2 lbs skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs (8 thighs)
- 2 tbsp crushed ice
- 1/3 cup low-fat sour cream
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1/8 tsp grated nutmeg
- Ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sides, until mixed. Set aside.

3. Arrange remaining thighs on cutting board, skin side up. Carefully pull back skin, leaving attached on one end. Divide ground chicken and spinach mixture evenly between 6 thighs, spreading it evenly. Stretch skin back over filling on each thigh. Arrange stuffed thighs on plate, cover with plas-

tic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour and up to overnight.

4. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 400 F. In oven-safe skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Season chicken skin lightly with salt and pepper, then add the chicken to the skillet, skin side down. Cook until skin is golden brown, then use tongs to turn thighs

skin side up. Place skillet in the oven and roast for 25 minutes, or until the thighs reach 160 F.

5. Remove skillet from the oven and cover with foil. Let rest 5 minutes before transferring each thigh to serving plate. Spoon any juices from skillet over the thighs before serving.

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The Rainmen's Tim Parham, left, gets around the Express's Erik Parker during NBL Canada action at the Halifax Metro Centre on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Rainmen fail to solve losing streak

**'There are no answers left.'** Windsor pushes Halifax to 0-10 record



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Losing is one thing, quitting is quite another.

As far as Tyler Richards is concerned, the Halifax Rainmen gave up on themselves at the Metro Centre on Thursday evening, en route to a 104-82 loss at the hands of the Windsor Express.

"Once we got down double digits, I feel like we didn't fight," said the Rainmen guard. "We just kind of gave up on the game. Our last game we

## Quoted

**"I'm not a guy who quits but I felt like we quit in the fourth quarter today."** Rainmen guard Tyler Richards

lost 108-107 and it was a little easier to walk out of the arena after a loss like that. It was a heartbreaker, but at least we fought."

Just before the Express were through with the Rainmen, DeAndre Jones laid down two back-to-back fast-break jams for good measure.

It was a disappointing finish for the home squad that started so promising, with Stephen Sir nailing a three-pointer to give Halifax a 37-34 lead during the second quarter. But Windsor emerged from a timeout

refocused, quickly regained the lead, and never looked back.

It was a forgettable second half for the Rainmen who were outscored 57-41, and by game's end outmatched in virtually every category, from bench scoring (41-23) to points in the paint (52-30).

The Rainmen sit at 0-10, their worst start in franchise history

"There are no answers left," said Rainmen starting point guard Cheyne Gadson, who sat out Thursday's game with a hip injury. "I don't know how to

even question it, besides we've got to go out there and get a W at this point."

Express forward DeAndre Thomas, who scored 15 points and hauled down seven rebounds, said the Rainmen's record doesn't reflect the team's overall ability.

"They have a new coach and they have to figure out a new system," said Thomas. "I think they'll be all right. Everyone makes the playoffs. They're playing a little selfish right now but they'll learn to change that."

Sir led the Rainmen with 21 points, while former Rainmen Quinell Brown also paced the Express with 21 points.

The Rainmen take on the Moncton Miracles at home on Friday.

## Own the Podium

### COC makes a splash with cash

The Canadian Olympic Committee has made a record cash injection into high-performance sport.

COC president Marcel Aubut pledged \$37 million Thursday to Own the Podium over the next four years. The contribution between 2013-16 is a 48 per cent increase from the previous four years, a quadrennial that included the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games.

The additional funding "allows us to continue to provide critical technical and financial support to athletes and national sport organizations that are poised for podium success," said Anne Merklinger, CEO of Own the Podium.

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## MLB

### Chamberlain joining Tigers

Joba Chamberlain and the Tigers have agreed to terms on a one-year contract, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

Chamberlain will get a fresh start in Detroit as a middle reliever.

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## MLB

### Red Sox open coffer for Napoli

The Boston Red Sox finalized their two-year deal with first baseman Mike Napoli on Thursday, bringing back one of the biggest hitters from the World Series team. Napoli will earn \$32 million through 2015.

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# Could Flames firing improve junior team?



Sean Monahan has nine goals and six assists with the Flames in his rookie season. GETTY IMAGES

Canada's national junior team has its eyes on Calgary rookie Sean Monahan again after the Flames shook up their front office Thursday.

They had already been told Monahan would not be loaned for the Dec. 26-Jan. 3 World Junior Championship, but that was before Flames president of hockey operations Brian Burke fired general manager Jay Feaster.

Scott Salmond, the junior squad's director of hockey operations, said it won't hurt to ask again if the gifted forward

## Quoted

**"I want to get on the ice with the guys as soon as possible, but it's my health and I'm not going to push it."** Jonathan Drouin, who recently suffered a concussion.

is available, even if it may be a long shot.

"A no is a no whether it comes from Brian Burke or Jay," said Salmond. "Out of respect for Brian we'll go back and ask again. I'm sure Brian was part of the original decision. Whether things change or not will be

up to the Calgary Flames, but it's worth a try."

The junior team is also hoping to bring Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly back for a second world junior tournament, but so far the Leafs have been reluctant to let him go. The NHL club is

expected to make a decision by Tuesday.

The juniors have already got rearguard Mathew Dumba from the Minnesota Wild.

Another question hanging as players arrived a few at a time for a three-day camp in Toronto was the health of Halifax Mooseheads star forward Jonathan Drouin, who suffered a concussion last week.

Drouin said he is feeling better and hopes to be cleared by team doctors to skate in camp. He was to be examined Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## NHL. Blues keep rolling against slumping Leafs

David Backes scored twice and Jaden Schwartz added a goal and two assists to lead the St. Louis Blues over the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-3 on Thursday night.

St. Louis has won eight of 11 overall. At 13-2-2, the Blues tied Boston, Pittsburgh and Minnesota for most home-ice wins.

Toronto lost its third in a row.

Alexander Steen, Derek Roy and Chris Stewart also scored for St. Louis, which has points in its last six games against Toronto. The teams met for the first time since

### Leafs falling on hard times

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The Maple Leafs have not won in regulation in their last 12 games.

Nov. 10, 2011.

Nazem Kadri, Nikolai Kulemin and James van Riemsdyk scored for the Maple Leafs, who got two goals in the final 5 1/2 minutes.

Steen scored his 22nd goal, second in the NHL to Washington's Alex Ovechkin, who has 26 goals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### NHL

## Duchene, Avs smother Jets

Matt Duchene and P.A. Parenteau scored in the shootout as the Colorado Avalanche stopped a two-game losing skid with a 4-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday.

Duchene also scored twice and added an assist in regulation and Ryan O'Reilly scored a goal and added an assist for the Avs (21-9-0).

Blake Wheeler scored twice, Michael Frolik added another and Grant Clitsome had a pair of assists for Winnipeg (14-4-5).

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# Head coach of women's national team resigns



Dan Church resigned as head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

**Hockey.** Dan Church says there wasn't confidence in him leading the squad to another Olympic gold

Dan Church abruptly stepped down as head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team saying he felt others lacked confidence in his ability to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Church resigned from the job Thursday less than two months before the opening ceremonies of the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

"If there isn't confidence in what I'm doing, I need to step aside and let the team move on," Church told The Canadian Press in a phone interview. "I'm heartbroken, to be honest, about the whole situation."

He did not specify whether it was players or Hockey Canada management who questioned his competence.

"Just discussions I'd had over the last few days made that apparent, in some meetings I'd had with leadership," Church said. "I think it was just difference of opinion on the direction we were headed."

"In the end, I just decided if I'm getting in the way of where the team needs to go, I need to step aside and let them continue on in the process."

The move was a bombshell as the 21-player Olympic team was expected to be announced before the end of December. The Canadian women will attempt to win a fourth straight gold medal in Sochi after victories in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

Canada is coming off a loss in the final of this year's world championship to the U.S. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	31	21	8	2	86	62	44
Montreal	33	19	11	3	86	73	41
Tampa Bay	31	18	10	3	87	77	39
Detroit	33	15	9	9	88	87	39
Toronto	33	16	14	3	90	96	35
Ottawa	33	13	14	6	94	106	32
Florida	32	10	17	5	73	106	25
Buffalo	32	7	23	2	54	94	16

##### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	32	21	10	1	98	71	43
Washington	31	17	12	2	98	90	36
Carolina	32	13	13	6	75	91	32
Columbus	32	14	15	3	82	88	31
Philadelphia	32	14	15	3	72	86	31
NY Rangers	33	15	17	1	72	88	31
New Jersey	32	12	14	6	73	82	30
NY Islanders	32	9	18	5	80	111	23

##### Thursday's results

Philadelphia 2 Montreal 1  
Columbus 4 NY Rangers 2  
Ottawa 2 Buffalo 1  
Tampa Bay 2 Detroit 1 (SO)

St. Louis 6 Toronto 3

Nashville 3 Dallas 1

Colorado 4 Winnipeg 3 (SO)

Carolina at Calgary

NY Islanders at Phoenix

Boston at Edmonton

Minnesota at San Jose

##### Wednesday's results

Los Angeles 3 Toronto 1

Chicago 7 Philadelphia 2

Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1

##### Friday's games

All Times Eastern

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

##### Saturday's games

Calgary at Buffalo, 2 p.m.

Los Angeles at Ottawa, 2 p.m.

Dallas at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.

Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7 p.m.

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	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	34	23	6	5	129	93	51
St. Louis	30	21	6	3	106	70	45
Colorado	30	21	9	0	87	71	42
Minnesota	33	18	10	5	78	77	41
Dallas	30	14	11	5	84	89	33
Nashville	32	15	14	3	74	90	33
Winnipeg	33	14	14	5	86	94	33

##### PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	34	22	7	5	108	87	49
Los Angeles	32	21	7	4	88	63	46
San Jose	31	19	6	6	103	78	44
Vancouver	33	18	10	5	88	81	41
Phoenix	30	17	8	5	97	94	39
Calgary	30	11	15	4	79	100	26
Edmonton	32	11	18	3	89	109	25

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Montreal at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

### NBA

#### Thursday's result

San Diego 27 Denver 20

#### Sunday's games

##### All Times Eastern

Chicago at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

New England at Miami, 1 p.m.

Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Arizona at Tennessee, 4:25 p.m.

New Orleans at St. Louis, 4:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

#### Monday's game

Baltimore at Detroit, 8:40 p.m.

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	19	3	.864	—
d-Miami	16	6	.727	3
Atlanta	11	11	.500	8
d-Boston	10	14	.417	10
Charlotte	10	12	.455	9
Washington	9	11	.450	9
Detroit	10	13	.435	9 <sup>1/2</sup>
Chicago	8	12	.400	10
Cleveland	8	13	.381	10 <sup>1/2</sup>
Brooklyn	8	14	.364	11
Toronto	7	13	.350	11
Orlando	7	15	.318	12
Philadelphia	7	16	.304	12 <sup>1/2</sup>
New York	6	15	.286	12 <sup>1/2</sup>
Milwaukee	5	17	.227	14

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	18	4	.818	—
Oklahoma City	17	4	.810	1/2
d-San Antonio	17	4	.810	1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	15	9	.625	4
Houston	15	7	.682	3
Denver	13	8	.619	4 <sup>1/2</sup>
Phoenix	12	9	.571	5 <sup>1/2</sup>
Golden State	13	10	.565	5 <sup>1/2</sup>
Dallas	13	10	.565	5 <sup>1/2</sup>
Minnesota	11	11	.500	7
New Orleans	10	10	.500	7
Memphis	10	11	.476	7 <sup>1/2</sup>
L.A. Lakers	10	11	.476	7 <sup>1/2</sup>
Sacramento	6	14	.300	11
Utah	5	19	.208	14

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

#### Thursday's results

Brooklyn 102 L.A. Clippers 93

Houston at Portland

#### Wednesday's results

Orlando 92 Charlotte 83

L.A. Clippers 96 Boston 88

San Antonio 109 Milwaukee 77

New Orleans 111 Detroit 106 OT

Minnesota 106 Philadelphia 99

New York 83 Chicago 78

Oklahoma City 116 Memphis 100

Utah 122 Sacramento 101

Golden State 95 Dallas 93

### Women's soccer

## Sinclair makes Game 200 special

Christine Sinclair celebrated her 200th appearance with Canada's women's soccer team with a goal in a 2-0 win over Scotland at the Torneo Internacional de Futbol Feminino on Thursday.

The goal was the 147th of Sinclair's career, and she could have had two if her penalty shot in the first half wasn't saved.

"The win felt incredible and that was the most important thing to come out

of today," said Sinclair. "Not only the victory but the way our team played, I thought it was the best we've played all year."

Adrianna Leon opened the scoring just eight minutes into the game on a volley off a headed pass from Sophie Schmidt.

Sinclair was robbed of a penalty right before halftime when Scottish goalkeeper Gemma Fay dove to her right to make the save.

Sinclair would have her revenge 13 minutes into the second half when she put the ball past Fay, who was 1-on-1 against Sinclair. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### NHL

## Feaster out as GM in Calgary

The Calgary Flames shook up their front office Thursday after a disappointing start to the season, firing general manager Jay Feaster and assistant general manager John Weisbrod.

The Flames have just 26 points this season, good for 13th place in the 14-team Western Conference.

Brian Burke will serve as acting general manager.

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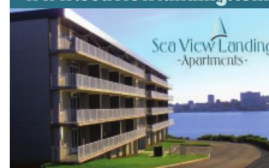
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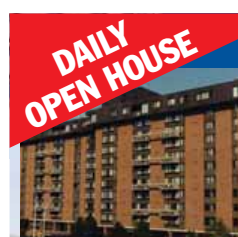
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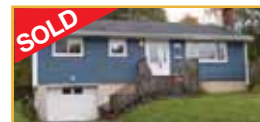


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